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New Trustees, Plan Commissioners Appointed to Fill Vacancies



Trustee Dave Allen

A new Trustee and three Plan Commissioners were recently appointed to fill vacancies created by the April elections. Dave Allen, appointed to complete President Grasso's Trustee term, is a 20 year resident, certified public accountant and management consultant for Lake Pointe Partner, LLC Consulting Firm. Joe Perri, appointed to fill Trustee Grela's Plan Commission seat, is a seven year resident and has owned an advertising and marketing firm for 15 years. Diane Bolos, vice president of Lemont Bancorp in charge of the information technology department and former member of the Gower District 62 School Board, has been a resident for 26 years. She was appointed to fill Trustee Wott's seat on the Plan Commission.

Pierre Wakim, an eight year resident and Doctor of Osteopathy, is Chairman of the Emergency Department at Cook County Hospital, and was appointed to fill John Manieri's position as Plan Commission alternate. Commissioner Manieri is now a full member. One vacancy still remains on the Board of Trustees, due to the recent resignation of Trustee Rohner.

Town Center Final P.U.D. Under Consideration



After preliminary approval by the Board of Trustees in April, the final plans for the Town Center were presented to the Plan Commission in June. After review and recommendations regarding the final architectural renderings, site plan, landscaping plans and management plans, the Plan Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the Board of Trustees for their final review and approval before construction can begin. The developer, Opus North, plans to build a mixed use Town Center featuring an open air shopping experience characterized by upscale retail and restaurants along a main street.

The project will include 191,000 square feet of retail space, 25,000 square feet of restaurants, 33,000 square feet of office space plus 179 condominium units. Opus North hopes to begin construction in late summer or early fall with a grand opening planned for the fall of 2006. More information is available at the Village Hall and on the Village's web site (www.burr-ridge.gov).



Sidewalk Approved for South Side of 83rd Street

Plans and a grant application will proceed for construction of a sidewalk on the south side of 83rd Street from County Line Road to Madison Street. The Board of Trustees approved the Pathway Commission's positive recommendation to construct the sidewalk at its June 13th meeting. The grant application will most likely delay construction to 2007.

News in Brief

Mosquito Abatement Program Underway

To reduce the annoyance of mosquitoes and risk of the West Nile virus, the Village renewed a contract with Clarke Mosquito Control. The contract includes mosquito surveillance, larval control, catch basin treatment and a resident mosquito hotline (800-942-2555). Adult spraying was eliminated from this year's contract.

Although rainfall in June was nearly 3½ inches below average, breeding grounds for mosquitoes still exist. They include lawns, shrubbery, swimming pools and bird baths, but sources of standing water are often overlooked. Dispose of cans and containers, empty standing water from boats, trailers, toys or wheelbarrows and turn over when not in use. Clean roof gutters and window wells, drill holes in the bottom of trash containers and recycling bins, and check storm drains and catch basins on your property frequently. If a catch basin on your property frequently has standing water, call the Public Works Department at 323-4733 and a member of our staff will evaluate whether it warrants additional treatment.

Frequently Asked Question: Right-of-Way or Easement

The right-of-way (ROW) is owned by the Village and generally includes the road and 16 feet from the back of the curb or edge of pavement. Located within the ROW are public streets, sidewalks, drainage facilities, utilities and parkway trees. The 16' section of ROW between a property and the edge of pavement is called the parkway. Parkway appears to be part of a yard but are actually part of the Village ROW. Nothing should be planted or built within the parkway unless approved by the Village. A utility easement is on the owner's property and only utilities are located within it. Easements give the Village and other utility companies the right to use that portion of the property to provide service to the home and others. Some homeowners place plantings or other items in these easements, however, this is discouraged. Utility companies or the Village may have to remove those items to perform work in the easement and are not required to replace them.

Police Briefs

Sign up for the Citizens Police Academy

Recruiting is now underway for the 8th annual Burr Ridge Citizen Police Academy. The next session begins Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 PM. The sessions last 3 hours and run for ten weeks. For more information or to sign up, contact Officer Angie Zucchero at 654-8181, ext. 322 or stop by the Police Department for a brochure and application.

Curfew

Parents are reminded that curfew in Burr Ridge applies to all teens 17 years old and younger. Curfew hours are 11 PM to 6 AM on weekdays and midnight to 6 AM on Saturday and Sunday. State law provides that a driver's license for teens 16 years old are invalid during curfew hours. Drivers in violation of curfew are subject to the suspension of driving privileges.

2005 Road Program



The contract for the 2005 Road Program will be awarded in late July. Construction is slated to begin in mid August with a late October completion date. Once work begins, residents can find construction updates on the Village's web site (www.burr-ridge.gov), the Cable Channel 6 Bulletin Board, or by calling the construction hotline at 654-8181, option 8.

This year's projects include resurfacing of Woodview Road (55th to just past Tartan Ridge), Fars Cove, Heatherfields Subdivision, Burr Ridge Corporate Park (McClintock, Lincolnshire), 81st Street and 81st Court. Garfield Avenue (91st Street to just north of Rustic Acres), and Grant Street (89th to 90th) will be reconstructed. Inlet repairs will also occur in the Ashton Subdivision and the storm sewer will be replaced on Drew Avenue south of 79th Street. Rejuvenator will be placed and crack sealing will occur in the following locations: Dougshire Court area, 60th Street, Sedgley Court, Deerview Court, Bucktrail, 81st Street, Shiloh Court, Todor Court, Polo Ridge Drive, and the following subdivisions: Carriage Way, Cambridge, Lake Ridge, Deer Path, Hidden Lake, Space Valley, Devon Ridge, Oak Hills, Devon, Braemoor Unit Two and Braemoor Estates Two. Rejuvenator is a preventive maintenance sealing operation that is sprayed onto the existing pavement and sanded after application. The rejuvenator process takes a few hours to complete. The end result is a new black finish to the asphalt surface that extends its life by protecting it from weather related damage.

Sprinkling Restriction Effective Until September 15

Until September 15th, sprinkling north of 83rd Street is allowed Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 AM to 12 Noon and 6 PM to 12 AM. Sprinkling south of 83rd Street is allowed Tuesday, Friday and Sunday during the same hours. No sprinkling is allowed on Wednesdays. All communities who receive Lake Michigan water are required to limit outdoor water usage.

Protect Your Home While You're Away

Before packing your bags for summer vacation, register for the Vacation House Watch Program with the Police Department at 323-8181. Police Department staff will ask who has keys to your home, whether lights will be on timers, what cars will be left in your driveway, who should be contacted in an emergency, etcetera. Officers will know to pay special attention when patrolling your neighborhood. *Residents are strongly urged to ensure alarm systems are working properly and activated before you leave.* Remove any extra keys you have stored outside your home under door mats or in flower pots. Secure patio doors with heavy duty locks and steel rods at the base. Light the exterior of your home with motion detection or timed lights and set interior lights, radios and televisions on timers, staggered throughout the day.

Public Works in Brief

Affordable Housing Plan Approved

Last month, the Board of Trustees approved an Affordable Housing Plan as mandated by the Illinois Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act. The Plan meets the State requirement that municipalities with less than 10% affordable housing adopt a plan with the intent that it encourage a specified number of affordable housing units. Affordable housing should not be confused with low income or subsidized housing. Affordable housing, as defined by the State, means that a household making 80% of the area median income spends no more than 30% of their household income on housing, including taxing, utilities, mortgage interest etc. These guidelines apply to homes for sale and rental units. In this region, an affordable housing unit would cost \$123,385. For more information about the Plan, contact Doug Pollock, Community Development Director, at 654-8181, ext. 120.

Board Meeting Archives Now Available Online

Visitors to the Village's web site can now access over three years of Board meeting archives. Go to www.burr-ridge.gov, scroll down to "Click and Go" and select "Board Meeting Archives." Agendas, agenda summaries and agenda actions (a recap of meeting results and actions taken at the meeting) are available as far back as 2002.

Calendar of Events: July - September

July

- 18 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 19 Economic Development Committee 7:30 PM
- 25 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 27 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- Environmental Quality Commission 7:30 PM

August

- 1 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 8 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 10 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 15 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 22 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 24 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM

September

- 5 Labor Day - Village Hall Closed
- 8 Pathway Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 12 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 14 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 15 Stormwater Management Committee 7:30 PM
- Sprinkling Restrictions End
- 19 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 20 Economic Development Committee 7:30 PM
- 22 Autumn Begins
- 26 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 28 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- Environmental Quality Commission 7:30 PM

Know the Code

Code Enforcement Program Explained:

The Village's Code Enforcement program is based upon resident reports of violations to Village Staff. Complaints received are entered into a database and distributed to the appropriate department for follow-up. A Village Staff member will visit the site and review the complaint based on existing Village Ordinances and Codes to determine if a violation exists. If it does, a letter asking for voluntary compliance is issued to the last tax payer of record with a time frame for compliance. Village Staff will revisit the site after the deadline to determine if the violation has been corrected. If it has not, then a citation may be issued, which mandates an appearance before the Circuit Court. Reports of suspected violations can be made by calling 654-8181, ext. 123.

Signs in the Public Right-of-Way:

Signs in the public right-of-way, including garage sale signs, real estate signs, etc. are prohibited except during the hours of 9 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. The public right-of-way typically extends 16 feet from the curb. For additional regulations regarding the size, number and location of right-of-way signs, call the Community Development Department at 654-8181, ext. 123.

Village's 50th Anniversary Approaches

With the 50th Anniversary approaching, President Grasso has begun forming the planning committee. It will be made up of one or more Trustees and various community leaders. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting celebration.

Licenses Required for Raffles

Before a raffle can be held a license must be obtained from the Village Board. Applications are available from the Village Clerk and must specify where, when and at what time the raffle chances will be sold, as well as the time and place for determining the winning chance. Only not-for-profit organizations may conduct a raffle.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

DuPage County has a permanent Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site in Naperville, located behind Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Road. It is south of Diehl Road off of Route 59, north of the Fox Valley Mall on the eastern side. Call 420-6142 or visit www.naperville.il.us for more information. Please consult the list of acceptable and unacceptable items below before visiting the facility. Acceptable items include cleaning solvents, mercury, acids, oil based paints, thermostats, insecticides, propane cylinders (gas grill size only), automotive fluids, fertilizers/pesticides, wood stain and varnish, poisons, pool chemicals, household batteries, fluorescent light ballasts and bulbs, thermometers and asbestos. Unacceptable items include latex paint, fire extinguishers, ammunition, regular garbage, explosives, agricultural, business, school and medical wastes, fireworks, smoke detectors, radioactive material, car batteries and other gas cylinders.

News in Brief

2005 Customer Service Survey Results

2005 marks the sixth time the Village of Burr Ridge has conducted the biannual Community Service Survey. This year, over 16% of the 4,380 Burr Ridge Community Service Surveys distributed with the May water bills were returned. With 706 surveys received, this is the highest response rate so far. The more residents that respond to the survey, the more confident Village Staff can be that, had every household responded, the results would have been the same. So, how did these respondents rate Village services? The table below summarizes how respondents rated various village services. A complete report is available for review at Village Hall. Questions regarding the survey can be directed to Lisa Scheiner, Assistant to the Administrator, at 654-8181, ext. 105 or lscheiner@burr-ridge.gov.

Service/Program	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	N/A	Mean
Police visibility in neighborhoods	22.0%	39.8%	25.5%	6.7%	1.9%	4.1%	3.76
Police response to calls from residents	34.4%	26.5%	5.0%	1.0%	0.1%	33.0%	4.40
Crime control (i.e., Investigation of crimes)	15.4%	22.0%	7.4%	1.9%	0.4%	52.9%	4.06
Police enforcement of traffic regulations	18.8%	38.9%	17.4%	5.0%	2.4%	17.5%	3.81
Courtesy of Police Department personnel	47.4%	27.7%	7.8%	1.3%	0.7%	15.1%	4.41
Water quality	34.1%	47.9%	12.1%	2.0%	0.7%	3.2%	4.16
Sidewalk/pathway maintenance	15.8%	38.4%	18.0%	3.7%	2.0%	22.1%	3.80
Maintenance of streets	17.3%	45.4%	23.5%	6.3%	2.7%	4.8%	3.72
Snow removal from streets	31.1%	47.1%	13.0%	2.9%	1.3%	4.6%	4.09
Addressing local traffic issues (i.e., traffic congestion)	10.8%	35.5%	23.4%	5.3%	2.3%	22.7%	3.61
Curbside brush chipping	24.7%	31.2%	11.0%	2.4%	1.1%	29.6%	4.08
Street lighting (adequacy)	14.6%	40.4%	25.0%	7.0%	2.6%	10.4%	3.64
Street lighting (maintenance)	16.8%	41.1%	20.3%	3.6%	0.6%	17.6%	3.85
Stormwater drainage	13.7%	38.4%	24.1%	6.7%	3.4%	13.7%	3.60
Appearance of public buildings and grounds	40.4%	44.9%	9.4%	0.7%	0.4%	4.2%	4.29
Responsiveness of Public Works Staff	21.1%	30.8%	11.1%	1.3%	1.0%	34.7%	4.07
Courtesy of Public Works Staff	25.2%	30.5%	7.6%	1.0%	0.9%	34.8%	4.20
Community planning for the future	13.7%	43.5%	17.8%	6.0%	0.9%	18.1%	3.77
Zoning/Building Code enforcement	11.3%	29.4%	15.0%	5.8%	1.7%	36.8%	3.67
Nuisance control (i.e., bushes, weeds, etc.)	10.1%	31.2%	26.0%	8.7%	4.0%	20.0%	3.43
Permit Process	5.3%	18.0%	11.4%	3.4%	1.4%	60.5%	3.56
Construction Site Maintenance	6.3%	24.4%	21.3%	3.6%	2.0%	42.4%	3.51
Permit Process	28.2%	43.5%	16.5%	3.1%	1.3%	7.4%	4.02
Village Newsletters	29.7%	50.1%	13.4%	1.1%	0.6%	5.1%	4.13
Village Web Site	11.4%	31.7%	10.7%	1.4%	0.1%	44.7%	3.95
Village Resident Guide	16.0%	37.5%	13.8%	1.3%	0.1%	31.3%	3.99
Village Cable Channel 6 Bulletin Board	12.3%	33.8%	16.1%	1.1%	0.6%	36.1%	3.88
Village water/utility bills	27.0%	48.3%	18.3%	1.1%	0.3%	5.0%	4.06
Water/utility bill payment process	29.1%	49.8%	13.7%	0.7%	0.1%	6.6%	4.15
Village property tax rate (Village portion)	10.3%	36.2%	36.5%	3.0%	0.9%	13.1%	3.60
Responsiveness of Village elected officials	14.4%	27.4%	14.0%	1.6%	0.3%	42.3%	3.94
Responsiveness of Village Hall staff	27.0%	34.5%	11.8%	1.4%	0.4%	24.9%	4.15
Courtesy of Village Hall staff	35.9%	32.0%	9.7%	0.6%	0.1%	21.7%	4.32